

Amendments to the Claims:

1.-59. (cancelled)

60. (new) A test stand for motor vehicles comprising a mounting frame which defines a predetermined fixed point,

a roller assembly mounted to the frame so as to permit at least slight movement in each of at least two degrees of freedom, with said roller assembly comprising a rotatable contact surface positioned to support a rolling wheel of a motor vehicle, and a drive for rotatably driving the contact surface, and

sensor means for measuring the force that is operative between the roller assembly and the fixed point, and/or the displacement occurring during the driving and braking movements of the motor vehicle, and/or the angle of rotation between the roller assembly and the fixed point.

61. (new) The test stand of Claim 60, wherein the drive is configured to permit it to be blocked, and/or braked, and/or released.

62. (new) The test stand of Claim 60, wherein the mounting frame defines a horizontal travel direction along which a vehicle to be tested is adapted to move.

63. (new) The test stand of Claim 62, wherein one of the at least two degrees of freedom corresponds to a movement transverse or vertical to the travel direction.

64. (new) The test stand of Claim 62, wherein one of the at least two degrees of freedom corresponds to the travel direction.

65. (new) The test stand of Claim 62, wherein one of the at least two degrees of freedom corresponds to a rotation about a vertical axis.

66. (new) The test stand of Claim 62, wherein the mounting frame is rotatable about a vertical axis.

67. (new) The test stand of Claim 60 wherein the roller assembly comprises at least two parallel rollers or cylinders, with an endless belt extending about the peripheries of the two rollers or cylinders.

68. (new) The test stand of Claim 67, wherein the roller assembly comprises three or more parallel rollers or cylinders.

69. (new) The test stand of Claim 67, wherein the mounting frame is mounted within a floor opening so that the rollers or cylinders extend above the level of the floor.

70. (new) The test stand of Claim 67, wherein the roller assembly further comprises a slide plate, or an arrangement of rollers, mounted so as to underlie and support the upper surface of the endless belt.

71. (new) The test stand of Claim 70, wherein the at least two parallel rollers or cylinders, and/or the slide

plate or the arrangement of rollers, includes a guide means for absorbing lateral forces.

72. (new) The test stand of Claim 70, wherein the test stand is in the form of an independent functional module.

73. (new) The test stand of Claim 60 further comprising a freely rotatable support roller mounted to the mounting frame so as to be positioned behind and/or in front of the wheel of the vehicle being tested and so as to engage the wheel during testing thereof.

74. (new) The test stand of Claim 73 wherein each support roller is mounted for movement between a raised operative position and a lowered position which permits the wheel of the vehicle being tested to travel over the support roller.

75. (new) The test stand of Claim 67, wherein the sensor means is interposed between the rollers or cylinders and the mounting frame.

76. (new) The test stand of Claim 75, wherein the drive comprises an electric motor which is operatively connected to one of the rollers or cylinders.

77. (new) The test stand of Claim 67, wherein the roller assembly further comprises a tensioning device for tensioning the endless belt.